FIGHTING A GRIZZLY

FEARFUL CLOSE RANGE BATTLE BE-TWEEN HUNTER AND HUNTED.

A Rain of Bullets That Only Made Bruin More Fer clons-The

They had met t. of the lobby of the Waldori-Astoria and had been telling stories which had about to dash the blade of my hatchet made the eyes of some of the bell boys bulge. All of the narrators were dressed in evening clothes and to all appearances had never so much as soiled a finger with powder smoke. One had recounted his sporting exploits in the Adirondacks and had told with great gusto how many deer he had shot in one day and how many of his guides had complimented him on his skill. Another said that duck shooting was his special hobby and that he had come clear from Cannes, France, every autumn to kill these birds along Chesapeake bay. There were also stories about the shooting of partridges and grouse, and one member of the group related, with a great many "ands, "thens" and "suddenlys," how he killed three quall. He had just received the applause of his hearers when a lean individual strode into the circle, pulled down his slouch hat another notch and goowled;

"Ever hunte I grizzlies?" The voice so nearly imitated a grizsly's growl that it captured the attention of the hunters at once, although none of them answered the newcomer.

"Hope I ain't butting in," said the tean faced man, "but that quail story made me think of how an old Ephraim tackled a pal of mine once. As the bear put up a little more fight than a quall would, my pard isn't able to tell what happened, like our friend the bird

It was plain to see that the group of sportsmen did not welcome the newcomer, yet his last remark aroused their interest despite themselves. Be fore one of them realized what he was doing he asked:

"Did the bear kill him?" The question did not evoke a direct

reply. It only made the intruder rub his eyes, as if a mist had fallen over them, and then clear his throat before

"I reckon my pard had the most terrible hand-to-hand battle with a silver tip as was ever fought. Before it ended the beast had fifty-four bullets in him. I'll tell you how it happened. Up in the foothills of the Rockies, in the state of Washington, where we had a ranch, some of our cattle got staries out to find them.

i us, and after we had found the trail of the steers and was fording a mountain stream called Teapot creek one of our bronchos began to snort and rear up, as if he was in agony. But he wasn't, or, at any rate, the agony was only mental. The

butting in. He was that kind or a res low. He wanted all the glory himself. But to hang back now was a crime, I didn't shoot for fear of wounding the cowboy. Instead I snatched a hatchet from my saddle and rushed forward. I heard the other four hunters of the party yell to me to turn back, heard them say the bear would kill me, too, but nothing could have stopped me then. I saw the brute grab Kennedy and could even hear his bones crack in the bear's teeth. The next moment pox." I was there too. But just as I was into the bear's neck my head reeled. A bullet whizzed past my ear and left a great gaping hole behind the silver tip's ear. With a sputtering sort of groan Ephraim tumbled over on his back. One of the other lads had taken that terrible chance of hitting either Kennedy or myself and, with wonderful aim, had sent the lead to a vital part of the bear. Not till that shot had the beast showed any sign of giving He had been hit fifty-four times up. and had bled by the bucketful, yet he had fought with increased ferocity to the very last. Kennedy was fearfully torn. He must have died an exeruciat-

ing death." The man who had shot the quails wasn't smiling any more. The deer slayer and the duck hunter looked at one another and forgot to wink .- New York Tribune.

A Quaint Offer of Marriage. A quaint offer of marriage, written more than 100 years ago, is carefully preserved in the family of the young wooer's descendants. It was addressed not to the young woman herself, but most respectfully and decorously to her parents. The father of the "Betsey" referred to had ten daughters, and as he was a clergyman for fifty years in a small New England town it may be surmised that his affirmative answer to spare his "seventh" was as quickly assenting as it was final. The wooer was also a clergyman, and he and his Betsey passed their entire married lives in the same pastorate, ministers of those days living and dying with their flocks. Here is the lover's plea: Both reverend sir and worthy madam, Soft wedlock's bands first was talked in

heaven. When happy man in Eden dwelt alone The smiling God a spouse did form of

That friendship might their joyful souls inspire
And knit their hearts in a seraphic fire.
With wedlock chain I wish myself to bind
If from your lips the answer should prove

Betsey, your seventh, I wish you to im-That we may join our hands as well as And live in love and share each other's While fleeting time whirls on with rolling

years Till grizzly death dissolves the silken That we may rise and mingle souls again.

The court crier had a bad cold, so that the duty of making the opening proclamation fell to another court of-

Our forefathers were so fond of the whip that they seem to have regarded it as a cure for lunacy and even for smallpox. The accounts of a Huntingdoushire parish, under date 1691, have the entry, "Pd. in charges taking up a distracted woman, watching her and whipping her next day, Ss. 6d," and a few years later eightpence is paid for "whipping two people yt had the small-

fancy name for the parish beadle. He thoroughly earned the title in the days of his greatness. The name outlasted the whip and the brutal performance at the whipping post or the cart's tail. Fifty or sixty years ago "Laug beggar" was still the provincial name for a beadle in several of the midland counties. A Cheshire glossary defines a "bang beggar" as "a beadle, one of whose du ties it was to take up and drive away any beggars in the district and prosecute them as the law directs."-London Graphic.

Fox and Fleas. Reynard is a knowing animal. The foxes are much tormented by fleas, but when the infliction becomes too severe they know how to get rid of the in sects. They gather from the bark of trees moss, which they carry to a stream that deepens by degrees. Here they enter the water, still carrying the moss in their mouths, and, going back ward, beginning from the end of their tails, they advance by slow degraes till the whole body, with the exception of the mouth, is entirely immersed. T fleas during this proceeding have rushed in rapid haste to the dry part and finally to the moss, and the for when he has, according to his calcula tion, allowed sufficient time for all the fless to take their departure, quietly opens his mouth. The moss floats of down the stream with its burden of fleas, and when it is out of jumping reach the fox finds its way to the bank much relieved.

Medicines.

"There is a singular idea that pre vails among many people that if a lit tle is a good thing more is better," sale a physician, "and an incalculable amount of harm is done. There ar cases where a little quinine does good and the patient, instead of going to a physician and finding out how much be wants, buys a quantity at a drug store and takes so much that it is a positive detriment. When persons have been sick and obtained a prescription, they imagine they know just what to do the next time they are ailing and increase the dose, often with most disastrous results. The careless use of medicine by those not familiar with its conse quences causes more trouble than al most any other source of allment to which the human body is subject.

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As soon as I saw him I had a touch of that ague which petrifies a man so he can't raise a gun and just lets the beast walk right up and swallow him. Ephraim was standing on his hind logs and eating off the service berries from the bushes. As is the way with these animals, he did not attack us, but just growled, as if to scare us. A grizzly usually does not pick a quarrel, although he is the most ferocious American born beast alive when put on the defensive. I thought all of us were going to leave the brute alone, when one of the party by the name of Alf Ken-

"'No, sir. I'm not going to leave that silver tip insult me that way. If he wants a fight he can have it.'

ous as a grizzly when aroused, shouted

"Kennedy jumped off his horse, be cause he regarded a man who would shoot from the saddle as a craven. He led his mount to a point about a hundred yards from the bear, turned the borse's head away from the game and then looked at the magazine of his gun to see if it was full. The next moment he fired, and I could see the head of that bear go back as if it had been struck with a bowlder. I thought he was a goner, but he wasn't. That brute just doubled up in order to stretch himself out the bigger. He jumped up on a rock, and, getting a good squint at his enemy, he started for him on a lumber-

"Kennedy kept pumping the bullets into the bear as fast as he could pull the trigger, but his fusillade seemed to have no more effect on the critter than thought he was going to leap on his horse and dash away, but Kennedy was not that sort of a fellow. He simply stood there, although he must have seen that his horse at the sound of the rifle falling on the rocks had stepped several feet away, making his position still more dangerous. One of us shouted to him to get back near his horse, but Kennedy made no move. He simply pulled out his revolvers, one in each hand, and blazed away. But it was useless. Those bullets only increased the anger of the bear and made him bound forward as fast as a great mastiff. When only eight feet away, a dis-"Just imagine what a sick, suffocat-

roaring monster. In utter desperation little rainfall. he threw away his pistols, grabbed up his gun and dealt the beast a blow over the head that would have killed a half dozen men. The force of the impact crack which echoed back from the mountains. Then he drew his knife.

"Until then I had not made a move

stitute crier rapped on his desk, and within and without the bar those present arose and stood in silence while

Then the substitute began: "Hear ye! Hear ye!" His voice seemed to him horribly loud, and all recoiled tion of the words to follow suddenly and went on bravely, "All persons having anything to do before the honorable the justices of the supreme court in the jury season thereof now sitting at Boston within and for the county of Suffolk may draw near and give their attendance, and they shall be heard." At this point he sat down; but, seeing the judge looking up in surprise, he

saw his mistake, and, springing to his feet, he added: "By the way, gentlemen, God save the commonwealth of Massachusetts."

-Green Bag

St. Gudule, the cathedral church of Brussels, has a carved pulpit, representing in carved wood the expulsion from paradise. Among the animals are the bear, the dog, cat, eagle, vulture, peacock, owl, dove, ape, etc. There is an equally fine one in Antwerp cathedral. The decoration is of a lavish and striking character, figures, birds and beasts being mixed in artistic profusion. The Church of St Andrew at Antwerp contains a vary elaborately carved wood pulpit, repre senting the calling of Peter and Andrew. The figures are of life size standing in a boat. Beside them is ; if he was shooting with a popgun. All net with fishes. Wilton church, near at once we saw him throw down his ri- Salisbury, possesses the finest pulpit fie. He had emptied its magazine. I in England. It is made of choice mar ble, beautifully carved. In Worcester cathedral is a pulpit of carved marble the gift of the late Earl of Dudley. A pulpit which certainly tanks among the finest in the world is that possessed by the Church of St. Mary, Radeliffe, Bristol, England. In the Church of the Holy Name, Oxford street, Manchester, there is a marble pulpit with panels of beautiful mosaies. Each panel bell cot. On inquiry I found that it in Venetian marble.

There is a group of islands to the south of New Zealand called the Sistance so small that he could easily have | ters, or Seven Sisters, which are reputcleared it with a single bound, the griz- ed to be subjected to a practically congly stood up on his hind legs and fold- stant rainfull. The same may be said ed his fore legs together, as if he had of the islands and mainland of Tierra his victim already in his embrace. The del Fuego, saving for the difference cowboy fired the last charge of his rethat the rain often takes the form of volvers into the heart of the animal and sleet and snow. On a line running at last turned to spring on his horse. | round the world from four to eight or nine degrees there are patches over ing, smothering feeling came over me which rain seldem ceases to fall. This when I saw that horse bound away is called the "zone of constant precipitaand leave Kennedy standing there tion," but at the same time there are VI, was deposed and died in prison. alone face to face with that gaping, several localities along it with very One of the Swellish Johns was driv-

The End of Knowledge.

tion of curiosity is the end of knowlbroke the weapon as if it had been edge, some the love of fame, some the chalk, and the stock snapped with a pleasure of dispute, some the necessity of supporting themselves by their knowledge, but the real use of all knowledge is this-that we should dedto help my comrade, because I knew leate that reason which was given us Kapnedy would turn and kill me for by God to the use and advantage of

sufficiently careless and indifferent t write his reply on the back of her or letter and signs himself "Your He band." This note, crumpled up at ossed aside as of no value falls in hands of an unscrupulous perwho, to levy blackmail on the h keeps it and produces it as evider of marriage. No other form had bee gone through, and yet the couple were married legally.-Chicago Record-Her

> Frightened the Bride to Death in Bohemia, a marriage was about to be solemnized between Anna Roslin aged nineteen, and a youth of her choice. B: and bridegroom stood all ready before the alter, where wer lighted tapers. Before the priest could unite the initial pair one of the tapers gasped, "Meine kerze ist erloschen!" ("My taker is extinguished!") and sank unconscious into the arms of the bridegroom. Immediately all attention was turned to the condition of the bride. Several attempts were made to revive the poor girl, but in vain. The bride in her chaplet and vell, died at the altar ralls. The superstition of the villages of the plain is that if a lighted taper becomes extinguished on either side of the altar the person standing on that side of the altar where the light went out will suffer a dire calamity,-

Calling People to Church.

When I was examining the church bells of the East Riding of Yorkshire some years ago I came to a little place called Fordon, on the wolds between Malton and Bridlington. It was a very primitive place, quite cut off from the world, the few inhabitants hardly knowing the road over the hilltop the next place northward. The diminutive building which serves as a church is built near the brow of the hill. It has no tower, bell turret or contains the portraits of saints worked had no bell. The parson came over on horseback now and then from a neighboring parish, tied up his horse outside the church, opened the door. put on his surplice and then walked to the top of the hill and cracked his whip several times, "and then we knows as it's time ti gang ti chotch," said my informant on the spot.-London Notes and Queries.

John I, of the "eastern empire" was poisoned by a servant; John IV, was John V, ruled only in name and lived en out of his kingdom by his subject and another was belittled and defeated II, was a prisoner of the English for years. A long list of Johns have changed their titles when taking on kingly robes because of the superstiotherwise than unfortunate.

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